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A Message from Your New Mayor...

Thank you to all the citizens who took the time to come to the polls in May. I appreciate your support and effort. Today many take for granted the freedom to hold open elections that we enjoy in America. This is not true in many countries and we should never forget how much our forefathers suffered to ensure this right for us. May I encourage you to become a registered voter if you are not already and to take an active part in politics by voting in every election. I have done so ever since I turned twenty-one feeling that is not only my right but my responsibility.

I would like to personally thank Mayor Ewing for his years of service to the Town and the leadership he provided for the Council. He leaves us strong financially and with plans for growth that will help to protect our security in the future.

There have been a few other changes on the Council as a



Photo Courtesy of Rick Foster, The Winchester Star

result of the last election. A big welcome to new council members Martha Dilg and Joseph Grayson. The Town will definitely benefit from their wealth of knowledge and experience they bring to the table.

Having served for thirty years as a member of the Council, I'm looking forward to my new role as Mayor. I know there will definitely be some new challenges to face but I am ready to give them my best shot. I look forward to working with the members of council, the Town employees and all our citizens to make our Town the best it can be. I intend to have an open door policy and want everyone

to know that I am willing to listen to any suggestions you care to share. If we work together, much can be accomplished.

One of my duties as mayor is to ensure that vacancies are filled on our standing committees. As if this date, we have several openings. If you have an interest in becoming more involved by volunteering to serve on any of these committees, please let me or someone at the Town Office know.

Again thank you for your support and I look forward to serving the citizens of our beautiful Town.

Mayor Joy Shull

YARD SALE PERMITS

This is a reminder that you are required to obtain a Yard Sale permit prior to holding a Yard Sale within the Town.

A permit application is free and each resident is allowed up to two (2) yard sales in a calendar year and each sale cannot last longer than three (3) consecutive days.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office.



Included in your water bill this month is the Water Quality Report. In accordance with the Virginia Department of Health, the Town is required to print and provide the Annual Water Quality Report. Should you have any questions or like a larger hard copy of the Water Quality Report, please contact the Town Office as soon as possible.

Town Manager,
Mike Kehoe

From the Town Manager's Desk...

2010 Newtown Heritage Festival



This year's Newtown Heritage Festival has come and gone once again. The festival brought a new event in Friday's Battle of the Bands and of course there were the traditional activities

such as the always popular Steele Store Museum, wagon rides, and Saturday night fireworks. The festival kicked off this year with the Miss Newtown Festival pageant on April 24th. On Thursday, May 27th the Sherando Band held a concert on the Newtown Commons and marched in Saturday's parade down Main Street providing inspiration with their up tempo marching tunes.

Now that the signs and banners are gone, the tents and straw bales removed the Newtown Commons is once more a quiet open space. We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who helped make the 18th Newtown Heritage Festival a successful event.

The following businesses' were sponsors for the Festival this year.

B J Sager, Inc.
Woodgate Petroleum Co.
Winchester Law Group
Commercial Press
E R Neff Excavation Co.
Stephens City Animal Medical Center
Boyer Landscapes
Clemons Garage
Enders Funeral Home
High Point Restaurant
Bank of Clark
Virginia Saving Bank
First Bank
Gregory's Inc.
Miller Hardware Co.
Dr Thomas Gromling, DDS.
Michael Phelps & Assoc.
Robert Mowery, CPA.
Newtown Veterinarian Clinic
Carlyle & Anderson Inc. for the Gator
Randy Cornwell for electrical services.



Also many thanks to Kate Fravel, President and Karen Reid, Vice President of the NHF committee and all of the many others who gave of time and effort.

Michael Kehoe
Town Manager

For Your Service... Mayor Ewing's Farewell

As June draws to a close so do my duties as your Mayor. June 30 ends my fourth four year term. As you know I chose not to run for reelection and you elected Mrs. Joy Shull as the Town's first lady Mayor. Joy is a long time member of Council and has occupied many important appointments on that body including Vice-Mayor. She is well versed in current affairs of the Town and I am certain the Town's governing body will be in capable hands.

The last sixteen years, although it may sound like a long time, has passed quickly. I am amazed as I look back at all issues that faced the Town during this period. As an example, the annexation issue took years to bring to fruition working on many different action items and with many different agencies and people. There were many complex issues and many not so complex issues dealt with during this

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Valley Cruisers of Winchester

Presents

2010 Cruise-In



Saturday, July 17, 2010

9:00am-3:00pm

Newtown Commons

Stephens City, Virginia

(US Route 11- Across from Clem's Garage)

Registration 9:00am-12:00- Free

1st 150 registered cars will receive a 2010 Collectible.

1st 150 registered cars will also receive a 2010 Dash Plaque.

For More Information call:

Rick (540)888-9948 or (540)533-4755 or

Butch (540)-869-5166

www.valleycruisersofwinchester.com

www.capitalcruisin.com

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills for the bi-monthly billing end **Monday, June 30, 2010** and are due upon receipt.

After **August 5, 2010** a **10% penalty** will be added. On Thursday, **August 12, 2010** service will be discontinued for delinquency. A reconnect fee of **\$25** plus the full amount of the bill must

be paid before service can be restored.

Just a reminder that for your convenience a night drop is available at the Town Office for dropping off check or money order payments and payments can now be made online at the Town's website. Water/Sewer bills can be paid using a Visa or MasterCard. If you pay a

bill online after the due date, you will still be responsible for the 10% penalty and if the bill is paid after the shut off date, the \$25 reconnect fee will need to be paid as well, prior to reconnection.

DO NOT PUT CASH IN THE DROP BOX!

Shenandoah County "Route 11 Yard Crawl"

August 14, 2010
7:00 am until

Clean out your attics, your closets and your basements! Have a sidewalk sale! Call your civic organizations and plan the day as a fund raiser!



**Our 6th Annual
Event along scenic
Route 11, the "Old
Valley Pike." NOW
43 MILES AND NINE
TOWNS!**

**For more information contact the Town
Office at 540-869-3087 or the website
at www.stephenscity.vi.virginia.gov**



Car Show
Shawquon Ruritan
3rd Annual
Car, Truck, & Tractor Show
NEWTOWN COMMONS
(Across from Clems Garage)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010
9:00am—2:00pm

Registration 9:00am—11:00am

(Rain date Sunday, August 22, 11:00am - 4:00pm)

Entry Fee: \$8.00 all registered will receive a \$3.00 meal ticket

Awards: Best in Class, Best in Show and Top 20 Participants Pick

Dash Plaques— First 100 Vehicles.

All Proceeds go to College Scholarships

MUSIC BY THE VALLEY CRUISERS

For more info call 540-662-7349 or
e-mail pamshiley@embarqmail.com

Also, Kids completed Model
Car Contest. Ages 6-10 &
11-15. prizes awarded.

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period. All of which I do pray I provided proper guidance and leadership. At an awards ceremony last fall at Shenandoah University I recalled comments made by a Virginia Supreme Court Judge addressing candidates for citizenship last July 4th. The Judge not only reminded the candidates of the rights they were about to become entitled to but also about their responsibilities as good citizens. One of these responsibilities was that of helping one another. He pointed out that we are a nation of volunteers, we help our neighbors, one another, our fellow citizens. It is our "duty" as a good citizen to volunteer for the good of all. So if I have accomplished anything these last sixteen years it is that I have tried to be a good citizen and volunteer.



I am very grateful for all those who accepted an appointment or took some part when I asked for their help and for those I worked with on council. Additionally I am grateful for the staff. The current staff exhibits the highest level of professionalism that the Town has ever had and again I am certain the Town is in capable hands.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Mayor and to be your "representative" for the Town of Stephens City. I am very grateful for this opportunity!

R E Ewing

Town Calendar of Events

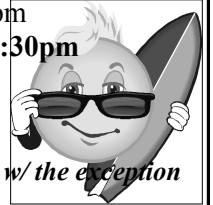
JULY

July	1	Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation 7:30pm	
July	4	Happy 4th of July	
July	5	Town Office Closed - Honoring the 4th of July	
July	7	Town Council at 7:30pm (Wednesday)	
July	12	Personnel Committee meeting at 5:00pm	
July	15	Water/ Sewer meeting at 9:00 am Public Works meeting at 9:30 am	
July	17	Valley Cruisers Car Show— Newtown Commons	
July	20	Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm	
July	21	Finance Committee at 5:00pm	
July	26	Parks and Recreation Committee at 7:30pm	
July	27	Planning Commission at 7:30pm	

AUGUST

August 3	Town Council Meeting at 7:30pm.
August 5	Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation -7:30pm J Water/Sewer Bills Due without penalty Penalties added to Water/Sewer Bills
August 9	Personnel Committee at 5:00pm
August 12	Water Shut Off Date
August 14	Car Show— Shawquon Ruritans— Newtown Commons
August 17	Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm
August 19	Water/ Sewer Meeting at 9:00am Public Works Meeting at 9:30am Newtown Heritage Festival Mtg. at 7:00pm Parks & Recreation Commission at 7:30pm
August 23	Finance Committee at 5:00pm
August 25	Planning Commission at 7:30pm
August 31	

** All meetings subject to change without notice w/ the exception of the Town Council meeting.*



We're on the web!
www.stephenscity.vi.virginia.gov

The Business Spotlight!

The Stephens City Business Association would like to thank those who came to the 2010 Business Expo on May 15 at the Newtown Commons. The Business Association would also like to thank those businesses that participated in the Expo.

The Expo was a modest success, but there is only one place to go from this point forward and that is up. The

Business Association is committed to making the Business Expo a success. The key ingredient to making the Expo a success is you, the citizen, the resident, the local shopper.

The Business Expo is open to all comers and was designed to showcase our local businesses within the Stephens City area. Businesses offered demonstrations

and promotional items throughout the day. Furthermore it provided the opportunity for you to meet with local business owners and share your ideas and provide feedback as to the type of services you are looking for, which is invaluable for a business owner.

We hope you make a point to come to next year's Stephens City Business Expo 2011!

